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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Submitted herewith for filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is the following:

- (1) Transmittal Letter; and
- (2) Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116.

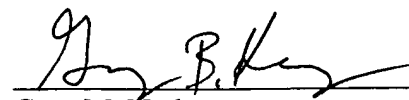
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This is a full and complete response to the Final Office Action having a mailing date of September 27, 2005. The three-month shortened statutory period to respond to the Office Action was set to expire December 27, 2005. If this response is not timely filed, Applicants petition for an appropriate extension of time. Please charge any fee deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0112.

In view of the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw the outstanding rejections and allow this application.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.